

The Children's Bureau (CB)  
Programs to Strengthen Marriages and Families:

## THE KNAPSACK PROJECT OF LOUISIANA

### PURPOSE:

This program is designed to add a healthy marriage component to the host of services already offered by the Family Resource Center (FRC) of the Office of Community Services, Louisiana Department of Social Services (DSS/OCS). Selected FRC staff are provided with training in the Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP) to promote healthier marriages and enhanced relationships for parents and adult caregivers in fragile families throughout Louisiana.

Family Centers and staff are provided with a "knapsack" of materials, designed to supplement PREP materials. "Knapsack" materials include educational products such as video and audiotapes, books and workbooks, newsletters and pamphlets, etc. It is expected that 1,080 families statewide are positively affected by this initiative which runs over a three-year grant period. Data collected and analyzed addresses differences in service delivery methods, i.e. in-home/one-on-one versus group settings, and methods using supplemental materials versus methods using only PREP materials.

GRANT RECIPIENT: Louisiana Department of Social Services

PROJECT PERIOD: 2004-2007

FUNDING: \$600,000 (\$200,000 per year)